

**IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT  
FOR THE DISTRICT OF MARYLAND  
SOUTHERN DIVISION**

HERMEION JAY MCLAURIN and )  
JANICE LAWS, )  
Plaintiffs, ) Case No. 8:17-cv-00489-PX  
v. )  
PICCARD ENTERPRISES, LLC, and )  
CHOICE HOTELS INTERNATIONAL, )  
INC., )  
Defendants. )

**DEFENDANT CHOICE HOTELS INTERNATIONAL, INC.'S CONSENT MOTION TO  
EXTEND TIME TO FILE ITS ANSWER TO THE COMPLAINT**

Defendant Choice Hotels International, Inc. (“Defendant”), by and through undersigned counsel, with the consent of Plaintiffs, files this Motion to Extend Time to File its Answer to the Complaint. Specifically, Defendant moves this Court to extend the time in which to file its Answer to the Complaint up to and including Monday, March 20, 2017. In support of this motion, Defendant states that its counsel needs this additional time in which to fully review the facts at issue in the case and prepare and file its Answer, due to the date when counsel was retained, and also due to the scheduling demands upon its counsel in relation to other matters.

As a result, Defendant submits that good cause exists to grant this requested extension.

Prior to filing this Motion, counsel for Defendant contacted counsel for Plaintiffs, who indicated that Plaintiffs would consent to this request.

Accordingly, Defendant respectfully requests that this Motion be granted. A draft Order is attached hereto for the Court's consideration.

Respectfully submitted,

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**CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE**

I hereby certify that on this 24<sup>th</sup> day of February, 2017, a true and correct copy of the foregoing was filed via the Court's CM/ECF System, which caused a copy to be served on Plaintiffs' counsel of record. The foregoing was also served on the following by depositing a copy in the United States mail with sufficient first-class postage pre-paid:

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